

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Haiti
Program Title:	Streamlined Government
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	521-006
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$12,500,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	1999
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: The Interim Government of Haiti (IGOH) faced difficult challenges following the resignation of former President Aristide on February 29, 2004, due to extensive damage to state infrastructure and the disruption of essential state services. USAID's special objective supports restoration of a functioning central government capable of providing basic services, establishing fiscal management and transparency in government transactions, and the smooth transition of power to a new, democratically elected government in early 2006. Activities are expected to end in September 2007 with the completion of the major objectives of the U.S. Government's commitment to the three-year Interim Cooperation Framework, the donor-coordinated assistance program for Haiti's transition to a democratic and stable government.

USAID-funded activities assist the current IGOH and will assist the newly installed Government of Haiti (GOH) to maintain momentum in restoring services, assuming fiscal responsibility, meeting international standards for two international ports, and enhancing public sector transparency and reducing corruption. Activities include technical assistance for a number of key government ministries in budget and fiscal matters, financial management, port security and anti-corruption measures. USAID financed commodities enabled essential government services to be restored in 12 Ministries and electrical power generation in the capital to increase from two to 12 hours per day.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Expand and Improve Access To Economic and Social Infrastructure (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID continues to work with the Maritime Security Alliance for Haiti to help the Haitian Port Authority meet international security standards for its two principle ports in Port au Prince and Cap Haitien. USAID's assistance enhances the capacity of the Maritime Security Council to oversee compliance with international security standards; implement a harmonized port access control system; train port security professionals in the country's private and public ports on procedures to meet international standards; and complete engineering assessments for the rehabilitation of seven viable ports and make these available to the government, donors, and the private sector for future rehabilitation. USAID is implementing the training program designed by U.S. Customs aimed at improving the capacity of Haitian Customs in trade facilitation, border security, and combating corruption. Principal implementers: Caribbean-Central America Action, and other contractors and grantees to be determined through a competition.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function: (\$11,500,000 ESF). USAID is continuing to support key ministries (\$4,500,000) by funding technical assistance, commodities, and building rehabilitation, and to provide budget support to the IGOH (\$7,000,000) via a subsidy for primary school textbooks. USAID assistance is helping to facilitate critical government functions during the transition period and the smooth transition of power from the IGOH to the newly elected

government. USAID is discussing areas of focus with the newly elected government, and will likely continue to provide expert advisors for government offices including the Prime Minister's Office, and Ministries of Finance, Commerce, Plan, Education, and Justice to assist with budget and fiscal management, tax administration, information systems, anti-corruption measures, and improving communications outreach. The Ministry of Finance advisor is expected to facilitate the new government's ability to maintain Haiti's compliance with World Bank and International Monetary Fund programs, implement the GOH's FY 2006 budget and set the FY 2007 budget. In addition, USAID is in the process of completing work to rehabilitate the Ministry of Justice compound. Implementation of the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) will continue. Secondary ports and border crossings are being added to the Haiti Customs Administration information network. This will complement the work completed last year building the network infrastructure for the main port and airport in Port au Prince. USAID is upgrading the information system of Haiti Tax Service and will add interfaces between it and Customs Administration to the Ministry of Finance managed IFMS network. Sixteen secondary sites in the IFMS network are being upgraded. The program is working with the GOH to establish a Technical Oversight Committee to plan and manage the new IFMS network and information technology resources. Principal implementer: Systems Research and Applications International.

FY 2007 Program:

There will be no new obligations to this Strategic Objective. A new strategy will begin in FY 2007.

Performance and Results: USAID support to the IGOH emphasized restoring public services, reinstating fiscal responsibility and reducing public sector corruption. USAID emergency support to the energy sector in FYs 2004 and 2005 enabled the IGOH to work with other donors to find longer-term solutions for Haiti's energy needs. The deteriorating security situation, street violence, and kidnappings placed an even greater challenge before Haiti's fragile central government this past year and led to delays in implementation, particularly in the repair of four thermal power generating units and the rehabilitation of the Ministry of Justice compound. Despite these hardships, USAID achieved notable results in assisting the IGOH to maintain its momentum in restoring public services in 12 Ministries, assuming fiscal responsibility, addressing public sector corruption, and enhancing security at Haitian Ports and Customs. Completion of repairs to electricity generating units and building rehabilitation is back on target. Repairs to electricity units include four thermal electrical power units in the capital for completion in mid-2006. Ongoing rehabilitation of four small hydro-electric plants located in the Artibonite, the Central Plateau and the North Departments has enabled the IGOH to produce 4.8 megawatts of power from renewable sources. Notably, the IGOH developed complete and transparent budgets for FY 2004, 2005 and 2006, making possible the re-launch of World Bank and International Monetary Fund operations in Haiti and establishing the framework for continued sound macroeconomic performance and governance reform by the elected government soon to take office.

Upon completion of the Integrated Financial Management System anticorruption program, the newly created Anti Corruption Unit, the Financial Intelligence Unit (UCREF), the Customs Administration, Tax Service, and selected ministries will be provided with the necessary training, equipment and information technology infrastructure to increase transparency and internal controls to prevent and combat corrupt practices relating to government financial transactions. The implementation of the IFMS project is the beginning of a long-term process to fight against public sector corruption and enhance good governance and transparency.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Haiti

521-006 Streamlined Government	CSH	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	503	6,384	47,646
Expenditures	0	4,098	11,569
Unliquidated	503	2,286	36,077
Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	0	0	4,970
Expenditures	4	1,082	30,540
Through September 30, 2005			
Obligations	503	6,384	52,616
Expenditures	4	5,180	42,109
Unliquidated	499	1,204	10,507
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	0	0	12,500
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006			
Obligations	0	0	12,500
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA			
Obligations	0	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	503	6,384	65,116